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An identifier assignment apparatus for assigning an identifier to a communication device which uses a unique identifier to perform communication, including a managing unit that manages the communication device, and a control unit that receives a request from the communication device, and assigns an identifier to the communication device in response to the request, if the request is within a predetermined duration of time from a time of a last assignment of the identifier to the communication device.